

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An image forming apparatus ~~including a scanner engine and an operation panel, the image forming apparatus comprising~~[[:]]

an operation panel and hardware resources used for image formation including a scanner engine, an application, and a platform that exists between the application and the hardware resources, the platform including an OS and at least one control service to control an execution of each requested processing of the hardware resources according to a function call from the application, wherein interprocess communication is performed between the control service and the application, the application causing the image forming apparatus to function as:

a display part configured to display a selection screen for selecting a transfer destination of scanned data from among a plurality of transfer destinations on the operation panel;

a scanning process part configured to cause the scanner engine to scan a document to produce scanned data;

a transfer part configured to transfer the scanned data to one or more selected transfer destinations; and

a print process part configured to receive the scanned data from a storing area of the selected transfer destination and print the scanned data.

Claim 2 (Original): The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the one or more selected transfer destinations include one or more of a storing area on a WEB server on a network, a mail destination, and a shared storing area on a network.

Claim 3 (Original): The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein, if authentication information is required for accessing the storing area or the shared storing area, the display part displays a screen for inputting the authentication information when the storing area or the shared storing area is selected.

Claim 4 (Original): The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the display part displays a screen for selecting a data type of scanned data to be transferred among from a plurality of data types, and the transfer part converts the scanned data into data of the data type, and transfers the data of the data type.

Claim 5 (Original): The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 4, wherein the plurality of data types include a type of recognized data that is obtained by performing character recognition process on the scanned data.

Claim 6 (Original): The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein, when the recognized data is selected as a data type, the transfer part sends the recognized data and the scanned data to a transfer destination.

Claim 7 (Canceled).

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the print process part displays, on the operation panel, a data selection screen for displaying a list of scanned data stored in the storing area, and prints scanned data selected from the list.

Claim 9 (Original): The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 1, the image forming apparatus further comprising hardware resources used for image forming processes, and control services that perform processes of the system side including control of the hardware resources according to a request from an application,

wherein the image forming apparatus is configured so as to be able to install a plurality of applications separately from the control services, and the image forming apparatus includes the scanning process part, the display part and the transfer part as an application.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A scanned data process method used in an image forming apparatus including ~~a scanner engine and an operation panel~~ an operation panel and hardware resources used for image formation including a scanner engine, an application, and a platform that exists between the application and the hardware resources, the platform including an OS and at least one control service to control an execution of each requested processing of the hardware resources according to a function call from the application, the scanned data process method comprising:

performing interprocess communication between the control service and the application;

executing the function by the application in response to the performing interprocess communication, and causing the image process apparatus to further perform a method including

displaying a selection screen for selecting a transfer destination of scanned data from among a plurality of transfer destinations on the operation panel;

causing the scanner engine to scan a document to produce scanned data;

transferring the scanned data to one or more selected transfer destinations; and

receiving the scanned data from a storing area of the transfer destination and printing the scanned data on a print process part included in the image forming apparatus.

Claim 11 (Original): The scanned data process method as claimed in claim 10, wherein the one or more selected transfer destinations include one or more of a storing area on a WEB server on a network, a mail destination, and a shared storing area on a network.

Claim 12 (Original): The scanned data process method as claimed in claim 11, wherein, if authentication information is required for accessing the storing area or the shared storing area, the image forming apparatus displays a screen for inputting the authentication information when the storing area or the shared storing area is selected.

Claim 13 (Original): The scanned data process method as claimed in claim 10, wherein the image forming apparatus displays a screen for selecting a data type of scanned data to be transferred among from a plurality of data types, converts the scanned data into data of the data type, and transfers the data of the data type.

Claim 14 (Original): The scanned data process method as claimed in claim 13, wherein the plurality of data types include a type of recognized data that is obtained by performing character recognition process on the scanned data.

Claim 15 (Original): The scanned data process method as claimed in claim 14, wherein, when the recognized data is selected as a data type, the image forming apparatus sends the recognized data and the scanned data to a transfer destination.

Claim 16 (Canceled).

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The scanned data process method as claimed in claim 10, wherein the image forming apparatus displays, on the operation panel, a data selection screen for displaying a list of scanned data stored in the storing area, and prints scanned data selected from the list.

Claim 18 (Original): The scanned data process method as claimed in claim 10, the image forming apparatus further comprising hardware resources used for image forming processes, and control services that perform processes of the system side including control of the hardware resources according to a request from an application,

wherein the image forming apparatus is configured so as to be able to install a plurality of applications separately from the control services, and an application in the image forming apparatus causes the image forming apparatus to perform the scanning process step, the display step and the transfer step.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): An image forming apparatus ~~including a scanner engine and an operation panel~~ comprising

an operation panel and hardware resources used for image formation including a scanner engine, an application, and a platform that exists between the application and the hardware resources, the platform including an OS and at least one control service to control an execution of each requested processing of the hardware resources according to a function call from the application, wherein interprocess communication is performed between the control service and the application, the application causing the image forming apparatus to function as:

means for displaying a selection screen for selecting a transfer destination of scanned data from among a plurality of transfer destinations on the operation panel;

means for causing the scanner engine to scan a document to produce scanned data;

means for transferring the scanned data to one or more selected transfer destinations;

and

means for receiving the scanned data from a storing area of the selected transfer destination selected and for printing the scanned data.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): A computer readable medium including computer executable instructions, wherein the instructions, when executed on an image forming apparatus including ~~a scanner engine and an operation panel~~ an operation panel and hardware resources used for image formation including a scanner engine, an application, and a platform that exists between the application and the hardware resources, the platform including an OS and at least one control service to control an execution of each requested processing of the hardware resources according to a function call from the application, cause the image processing apparatus to perform a method comprising:

performing interprocess communication between the control service and the application;

executing the function by the application in response to the performing interprocess communication, and causing the image process apparatus to further perform a method including

displaying a selection screen for selecting a transfer destination of scanned data from among a plurality of transfer destinations on the operation panel;

causing the scanner engine to scan a document to produce scanned data;

transferring the scanned data to one or more selected transfer destinations; and

receiving the scanned data from a storing area of the transfer destination and
printing the scanned data on a print process part included in the image forming apparatus.